

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (canceled).
2. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16, wherein the conductive layer is disposed between the inorganic nonmagnetic substrate and the magnetic layer.
3. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16, wherein the conductive layer is disposed on the inorganic nonmagnetic substrate on a side opposite to the magnetic layer.
4. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16, wherein the conductive layer is disposed on an edge of the inorganic nonmagnetic substrate.
5. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 18, wherein the conductive layer contains a conductive metal oxide.

6. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 5, wherein the conductive metal oxide is selected from ZnO Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, In<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, MgO, BaO, MoO<sub>3</sub>, V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and complex oxides thereof.

7. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 5, wherein the conductive metal oxide has a volume resistivity of not more than  $10^7 \Omega\text{cm}$ .

8. (canceled).

9. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 8, wherein the carbon black has an SBET of 50 to 500 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

10. (canceled).

11. (canceled).

12. (canceled).

13. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16, wherein the magnetic recording medium has a surface electric resistance of not more than  $10^{10} \Omega/\text{sq}$ .

14. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16 further comprising another magnetic layer, a nonmagnetic layer, or a back layer on a side opposite to the magnetic layer.

15. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16 further comprising a protection film on the magnetic layer.

16. (previously presented): A magnetic recording medium comprising a magnetic layer on at least one side of an inorganic nonmagnetic substrate, the magnetic layer containing magnetic particles of a CuAu-type or Cu<sub>3</sub>Au-type ferromagnetic ordered phase produced by a liquid phase method, wherein a conductive layer containing polyvinylbenzene sulfonate, polyvinyl benzyl trimethyl ammonium chloride, or a quaternary salt polymer is provided on at least one side of the inorganic nonmagnetic substrate, the conductive layer having a thickness of 10 to 400 nm.

17. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16, wherein the thickness of the conductive layer is 20 to 400 nm.

18. (currently amended): A magnetic recording medium comprising a magnetic layer on at least one side of an inorganic nonmagnetic substrate, the magnetic layer containing magnetic particles of a CuAu-type or Cu<sub>3</sub>Au-type ferromagnetic ordered phase produced by a liquid phase

method, wherein a conductive layer containing a conductive metal oxide or ~~carbon black~~ is provided on at least one side of the inorganic nonmagnetic substrate, the conductive layer having a thickness of 10 to 400 nm.

19. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 18, wherein the conductive layer is disposed on an edge of the inorganic nonmagnetic substrate.

20. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 16, wherein the CuAu-type or Cu<sub>3</sub>Au-type ferromagnetic ordered phase produced by a liquid phase method is selected from FeNi, FePd, FePt, CoPt, CoAu, Ni<sub>3</sub>Fe, FePd<sub>3</sub>, Fe<sub>3</sub>Pt, FePt<sub>3</sub>, CoPt<sub>3</sub>, Ni<sub>3</sub>Pt, CrPt<sub>3</sub> and Ni<sub>3</sub>Mn.

21. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 18, wherein the CuAu-type or Cu<sub>3</sub>Au-type ferromagnetic ordered phase produced by a liquid phase method is selected from FeNi, FePd, FePt, CoPt, CoAu, Ni<sub>3</sub>Fe, FePd<sub>3</sub>, Fe<sub>3</sub>Pt, FePt<sub>3</sub>, CoPt<sub>3</sub>, Ni<sub>3</sub>Pt, CrPt<sub>3</sub> and Ni<sub>3</sub>Mn.

22. (previously presented): The magnetic recording medium according to claim 6, wherein the CuAu-type or Cu<sub>3</sub>Au-type ferromagnetic ordered phase produced by a liquid phase method is selected from FeNi, FePd, FePt, CoPt, CoAu, Ni<sub>3</sub>Fe, FePd<sub>3</sub>, Fe<sub>3</sub>Pt, FePt<sub>3</sub>, CoPt<sub>3</sub>, Ni<sub>3</sub>Pt, CrPt<sub>3</sub> and Ni<sub>3</sub>Mn.